L.N. 84 of 1996

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Science in Conservation Technology for Masonry Buildings Course Regulations, 1996

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30(5) and 31(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31 and 35 of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Science in Conservation Technology for Masonry Buildings – P.G. Dip. Cons. – M.Sc. – Course Regulations, 1996.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research;

"the Course" means the course leading to the Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Science in Conservation Technology for Masonry Buildings – P.G. Dip. Cons. – M.Sc.;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Science in Conservation Technology for Masonry Buildings;

"the Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation Technology for Masonry Buildings.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1994 or later.

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) A candidate shall be eligible for registration in the Course if he is in possession of at least a second class honours degree in a discipline related to architecture and civil engineering, material science, chemistry or physics, obtained from this University or from a foreign University or Institute recognised by this University.

(2) The Board may, in special cases, allow candidates who do not satisfy the foregoing requirements to apply for registration. Such applications must include evidence that the candidate has attained the level of proficiency prescribed in the foregoing paragraph. The Board may, in each case, require additional qualifications, including the passing of one or more examinations.

(3) No candidate shall be admitted to the Course unless he is fluent in the English language.

(4) All candidates shall be, in the first instance, registered for the Diploma. Candidates shall be allowed to register for the Degree if they satisfy paragraph (1) of regulation 7.

DIPLOMA COURSE

Course of studies

4. (1) The Course shall consist of the following modules:

(a) Theory, Methodology and Policies of Conservation
(b) Construction Materials and Processes
(c) Environment and Monitoring
(d) Degradation Mechanisms
(e) Interventions
(f) Case studies and Projects.

(2) Study areas shall compromise a number of study-units to which a total of 30 credits shall be assigned.

(3) A catalogue of study-units with the number of credits assigned to each unit shall be published by the Board before the commencement of the Course.

(4) The Diploma Course shall have a duration of one academic year of full-time study, or its equivalent in part-time study.

Assessments

5. (1) The assessment of each study-unit shall be carried out by the respective lecturer or lecturers involved in teaching, together with the Course Co-ordinator and the Director of the Institute, as may be established by the Board from time to time.

(2) In the assessment of study-units pass grades shall be awarded on a scale from A to D, A being the highest grade and F indicating a Fail.

(3) A candidate who obtains a Grade F in any study-unit may be allowed to sit for a second time the assessment procedure of that study-unit. The re-assessment procedure shall be determined by the lecturer giving the study-unit, in consultation with the Course Co-ordinator and the Director of the Institute. If the candidate fails in the re-assessment he may be allowed to register again for the entire study-unit or follow any other instructions issued at the discretion of the Board of the Institute. If successful at the second or further attempt the candidate shall be awarded a Grade D.

(4) A Final Comprehensive Examination shall be held at the end of the study-units, normally in June. The Examination shall consist of two written papers. Candidates may be required to attend a *viva voce* examination.

(5) The final results shall be published after the Final Comprehensive Examination and the final marks shall be allocated as follows:

Coursework 60%
Final Comprehensive Examination 40%

(6) The final grades for the successful candidates shall be awarded on a scale from A to D, A being the highest grade and designated as "Passed with Distinction". F indicates Failed.

(7) A candidate who fails shall be given permission to re-sit the Final Comprehensive Examination once only. If successful, the candidate shall be awarded the minimum grade.

Award of Diploma

6. The Diploma shall be awarded to those candidates who are successful in the final results published in accordance with paragraph (6) of regulation 5, unless, being eligible, they opt to proceed to the Course leading to the Degree.

DEGREE COURSE

Course of studies

7. (1) A candidate shall be eligible for registering for the Course leading to the Degree if he has obtained an overall grade A or B in the final result published for the Diploma in accordance with paragraph (6) of regulation 5. In such case the candidate shall be required to register for the Degree within the three months following the publication of such final result.

(2) Candidates admitted to the Degree Course shall be required to write a dissertation on an original research project.

(3) Candidates shall submit the proposed title of their dissertation and an outline of the research work to be performed for its purposes upon registration for the Degree. The research work shall be subject to the approval of the Board, which shall also nominate a supervisor for each candidate:

(4) The dissertation shall contain the results of the research project, a critical review of the relevant literature and a critical discussion of the results. The dissertation shall be not less than 35,000 words long, and not exceed 40,000 words, and shall be submitted not earlier than six months and not later than eighteen months from the date of the acceptance of the title.

(5) The dissertation shall be examined by an Examining Board appointed by Senate on the recommendations of the Board. The candidate shall be required to defend his dissertation.

(6) If the dissertation does not reach the required standard the candidate may be required to amend and re-submit it within a period not exceeding one year.

(7) The final results of candidates admitted under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be published after the completion of the dissertation examination. The final marks shall be allocated as follows:

Diploma Coursework 20%
Diploma Final Comprehensive Examination 20%
Dissertation 60%

(8) The names of successful candidates who qualify for the award of the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order, classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

(9) Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners for the award of the Degree shall be eligible to the award of the Diploma.

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